

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 • 8:30 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Staff Present:

Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M.

1. Approve Minutes

The minutes were not approved.

Chair Hillyard made comments about the Budget Deep Dive in the Technology Programs.

2. Budget Deep Dive - School Technology Programs

Dr. Jill Curry explained the meeting materials available for the School Technology Programs.

2a-School Technology Programs Presentation (LFA)
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Dr. Curry gave an overview of the program and budget for Early Intervention Reading Software.

2b-Early Intervention Reading Software Budget Review Information Sheet
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Chair Hillyard explained that those presenting need to address fidelity, costs comparison, how it is updated, and whether or not to continue program or put all in WPU.

Ms. Sarah Young, Coordinator for Digital Teaching and Learning, State Board of Education, presented program implementation and performance for the Early Intervention Reading Software Program.

Rep. Snow asked a question and made a comment concerning Early Intervention Reading Software.

Mr. Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendent Association, introduced some local superintendents.

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Superintendent Keith Rittel, Provo School District discussed the use of the programs IReady and Imagine Learning, that have done well in the Provo School District.

Ms. Linda Mariotto, Assistant Superintendent, Granite School District, discussed the usage and fidelity of the Early Intervention Reading Software program in the Granite District.

Mr. John Zurbuchen, Assistant Superintendent Davis School District, discussed the usage of Early Intervention Reading Software in the Davis School District.

Chair Hillyard asked questions on usage at the district level and Mr. Zurbuchen and Ms. Mariotto responded.

Mr. Brett Nielson, Utah Account Manager, SuccessMaker Digital Courseware at Pearson, discussed the usage and fidelity provided by his company, with the Early Intervention Reading Software.

Mr. Mike Nelson, Director of School Relations, Waterford Institute, discussed some improvements that could be made, and what went well with the Early Intervention Reading Software.

Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Fawson, Chair Hillyard, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Pulsipher, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Arent, and Rep. Snow made comments and asked questions, with responses from Ms. Young, Mr. Zurbuchen, Ms. Mariotto, and Mr. Shoemaker.

Chair Hillyard asked the subcommittee to visit schools in their area, before the Nov. meeting, and ask the teachers and superintendents three questions: how fidelity can be improved, how to improve teacher preparation, and how to handle the different programs, and also how to involve parents. He also asked the vendors to ask themselves if they can only deal on a statewide contract. Sen. Stephenson and Rep. McCay also made suggestions.

3.

3a-School Turnaround Budget Review Information Sheet

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3b-School Turnaround Information - Ed Direction

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Ms. Sheryl Ellsworth, Turnaround Specialist, State Board of Education discussed the program implementation and performance of the School Turnaround Bill.

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Mr. Shoemaker, Superintendent Rittel, Ms. Mariotto, and Mr. Zurbuchen, discussed challenges of the Turnaround Schools and how to keep schools out of Turnaround.

Ms. Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent, Policy and Communication, State Board of Education, Ms. Ellsworth, and Mr. Shoemaker responded to concerns of the Local School Districts concerning the Turnaround Program.

Dr. Hollie Pettersson, Principal Consultant, Education Direction, discussed the Provider implementation of the Turnaround Plan.

Chair Hillyard asked a question and Mr. Shoemaker responded.

Ms. Johanna Mayra, Founder/CEO, Innovations Educational Consulting, Inc.; Mr. Ryan West, V.P. of Operations, Tetra Analytix; and Mrs. Stevane Godina, Professional Development Consultant, Catapult Learning; continued with the discussion by the Providers on the implementation of the Turnaround Plan.

Chair Hillyard commented that if anyone from the public would like input, to send their comments to Dr. Jill Curry at: jcurry@le.utah.gov

Rep. Pulsipher asked a question to Superintendent Rittel and he responded. Sen. Stephenson and Chair Hillyard made comments.

4. Budget Deep Dive - Intergenerational Poverty Interventions

This agenda item was not discussed.

5. Budget Deep Dive - Partnerships for Student Success

This agenda item was not discussed.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-5.

Yeas-16

Rep. P. Arent

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams

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Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 11:07 A.M.